

THE LAST MATCH.

LUTON VISIT AND HOLD THE RANGERS.

(By CRUSADER).

THERE was not much suggestion of the end of the season about the game between QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS and LUTON TOWN at Shepherd's Bush on Saturday. The Rangers had a bare chance of promotion if Charlton and Crystal Palace failed, and so they put all they knew into the game. The Town accepted the challenge to some purpose, and fully merited the point they brought away.

Mainly in the first half did the Town show to better advantage, and though the pace was fast and exchanges vigorous, the Rangers were fortunate to be only one goal in arrears at the interval on the run of the play. This goal was scored by RENNIE eight minutes before the interval, and subsequently the Rangers' goal had half-a-dozen narrow escapes, the Town halves and forwards playing splendidly.

The second half continued to hold the upper hand for some time after the change of ends, but after GODDARD had equalised midway through the half, the Rangers had the better of the game, making a desperate bid for victory. They failed against a stern and unyielding defence, however, and at the final whistle the division of spoils was a fair reflex of the game.

It was difficult to understand how the Town had failed in their two games at Luton against Fulham and Torquay when reviewing this game. The halves showed up in a very different light, and this probably was of most account, for the backing they gave the forwards resulted in the strong Rangers' defence being taxed to the utmost.

This was particularly apparent in the first half, when the understanding all round enabled the Town to launch attacks again and again, and the control on a ground that was hard and increased the speed of the ball, was far better than that of the Rangers. The passing was accurate, and the ball travelled from wing to wing so well that every player had a good share of work.

The finishing was not good, or there would have been more than one goal to the credit of the Town at the change of ends, but the Rangers' defenders were strong and watchful, and gave nothing away, several times using their hands to hold up the Town forwards. Still, the ball was light, and opportunities for shooting unmarked were scarce.

There was not the same power about the Town halves after the Rangers had scored, but the Town rearguard had come unscathed through several hot attacks only through the unflinching defence offered by Kingham, Richards and Fulton, the Town captain especially putting up a fine game.

There were 15,000 spectators.

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QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS.—Cunningham; Sweetman, Pierce; Foster, Cockburn, Neil; Coward, W. C. Burns, Goddard, Rounce, Whatmore.

LUTON TOWN.—Banes; Kingham, Richards; Black, Fulton, Millar; Daly, Yardley, Rennie, Roe, Bedford.

Referee.—Mr. C. E. Lines, Birmingham.